



News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

May 14	Transition Picnic at Taylor Park
May 15	Eye dissection
May 16 & 23	MAP Testing
May 17	Social Studies Interview Project Due
May 21	How to Succeed in 5th Grade Letter Due
May 22	Body System Project Due
May 24	Million Dollar Project Due
May 30	Pool Outing
May 31	Completion Ceremony and Breakfast

Dear Families,

The Completion Ceremony and Breakfast is May 31. Please be sure to return the gold invitation with your complete information as soon as possible. Also, we will need a baby picture of your child (preferably two years old or younger) for a special project. Please send these in to your homeroom teacher this week.

Olympic Day is right around the corner! This great event will take place in the afternoon on the last day of school (June 1st). If you are interested in volunteering your time to help out with the festivities please email David Williams directly at dwilliams@op97.org or check the Digital Backpack for more information. Volunteering for this event would be a fantastic way to help end the school year on a high note and kick off the summer with some fun.

Art -5th graders are finishing up a unit on local architecture. Students are drawing famous local buildings including the Lake Street Theatre, Unity Temple and many more. Some of these drawings will be printed onto postcards and sold to raise money for an orphanage in Haiti.

Music -If your student did not get to do their recorder assessment, I will be doing make ups on Monday and Tuesday this week. Also, if your child wishes to raise their recorder grade they may come to Recorder Karate Tuesdays at 11:30. Singing and reading assessments will be done this week.

Spanish - In Spanish we are working on ordering food in a restaurant. Students are working in groups to create a skit that includes waiter/waitresses, managers, and diners. We will start performing the role playing this week.

Library - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature SHAKESPEARE

This week students will continue to rehearse their Shakespeare plays, as well as work on developing the props, costumes and sets for their performances.

LITERATURE CIRCLES

Students should have turned in their literature circle novels and their literature circle packets on Friday, May 11th. All literature circle novels must be turned in by this Friday, May 18th.

Language Arts

Writing Focus: This week, students will finishing drafting a letter to next year's fifth graders explaining to them how to succeed in fifth grade. Students will have the opportunity to type their letters on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. This is an in-class project that will be due on **Monday, May 21st**; however, If students are struggling to finish in the time given in class, they should work on it at home as well.

Math

This week, we will finish our algebra unit. The unit test will be this Thursday. We will review in class on Wednesday. The test will cover pan balance problems, algebraic expressions, tables and graphs. Students will also take the math MAP test on Wednesday.

Students are now working on their Million Dollar project. A copy of the project guidelines is on the Math page of the 5th grade wiki. Students will have some time to work on the project in class, and they can also work on the project at home. Projects will be presented to the class on May 24.

Science

We will be dissecting sheep eyeballs tomorrow. If you would like to help out with that dissection, please let Ms. Manuel know. Class times are 5M: 10:45 - 11:25, 5P: 1:30 - 2:10 and 5K: 2:10 -2:50. Please note that these are not our usual class time. 5M and 5K has switched times.

Most students turned in their Body Systems project last Thursday (and received 50 Guilders!). Glogs are due Tuesday, May 22. Students will have some time to work on the glogs in class, but they can also work on the glogs at home.

Social Studies

This week, we will continue our study of the Civil War. The interview project is due this Thursday, May 17. Students may videotape the interview, but it is not required. The directions and a rubric are on the social studies section of the Wiki if your child has lost his or her sheet.

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